



ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The tamariki at Ōwhango School are engaged in our unique, rural environment, are individual in their learning, and strong in experience and success.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

“I have learnt that relationships are more important than rules”. Anonymous age 51

DATES TO NOTE

26 th July	Technology Challenge
31 st July	Otukou Marae Trip
1 st August	High School Show- “A Fairytale”
2 nd August	Electronics Day (No Screens)
5-6 th Aug.	Life Education Truck Visit
9 th August	Tough Kid Challenge
20 th August	Assembly
23 rd August	Mountain Schools Cross Country
26 th -30 th August	Ski Camp
4 th Sept.	Year 5-8 Rippa Tournament
6 th Sept.	Interschool Cross Country
10 th Sept.	Interschool Kids’ Quiz Competition
12 th Sept.	Dress What You Want To Be Day School Board Hui 7pm
13 th Sept.	Y5- Y8 Rippa Tournament Disco
19 th Sept.	Tuwharetoa Taiopenga
20 th Sept.	Mountain Schools Softball Tourn.
24 th Sept.	Assembly
27 th Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Welcome to term three. I hope you all had an enjoyable two weeks, with the lovely fine weather in the first week. It was great seeing the skate park and school grounds being used by the public over the holidays.

With so many excursions coming up, there are a lot of permission slips to be filled out and returned today. There will be more detailed information about our ski trip in the next week or two- I am working on the bunk and transport arrangements presently. It is also lovely having Karen Erni back in the office, Tuesday to Friday mornings. We have missed having her around.

Attendance Update- Term Two

We have had a significant drop in students regularly attending school in term two, as shown in the table below. Much of this can be attributed to illness; there were a lot of bugs going around last term; remember we do not want children at school if they are ill.

More concerning is that we had 57 days where a child was absent, with a reason being given but that was unjustified (Ministry terminology). A common example of this is taking extra days off around a weekend.

As previously mentioned, we have a goal this year to lift our attendance as it has become a problem, we cannot teach children if they are not at school, and we often cannot make up lessons when they return, this really does affect the children’s learning. Hopefully this term we can lift our attendance back to the high rates we had in term one.

The attendance figures in your individual reports will give you an idea of how your child is tracking- those figures were for the whole year up until 19th of June. Note there was one error in them as the day we closed the school for the afternoon skewed the data, so those with 100% attendance read as 99%. This has now been corrected for the figures below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter, I am here to help.

Attendance at school	Our Goal for 2024	Term One	Term Two
Less than 70%	0%	0%	1%
70% - 80%	6%	1%	4%
80% - 90%	24%	24%	32%
90%+	70%	75%	62%

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –KAHIKATEA

Everyone has returned from holidays, ready to go. We started this week by writing a Five Senses Poem about our holidays. Here are a few examples from Kahikatea...

My Holidays

A towering halfpipe waiting for us in Luke's backyard.

The bounce of a ball on smooth concrete.

Tasty lolly snakes slithering down my throat.

My first loaf of hot, steamy bread emerging from the oven.

Fresh scooter grips on my handlebars, smooth on my palm.

By Jack Pierce

My Holidays

Calves charge through the long damp grass.

Birds sing tunes of happiness with a touch of thumping hooves.

Dry chocolate sticks to the top of my mouth.

Fresh air flows in my lungs.

Olive green grass tickles my face as I lay in the paddock.

By Keira Hayes

My Holidays

Bright rainbow lorikeets, flying from tree to tree.

Beautiful birds calmly sing to me, making me feel safe.

A hot mince pie disappearing down my throat.

Lovely perfume spraying on my smooth neck.

Touching walls of mirrors, that reach beyond the sky.

By Evie Moss



Kahikatea's clay pots waiting to be fired



Matariki pou by Keira, Juan, Beau and Poppy...



...Soren, Tahu, Aleah and Zurich

OTUKOU MARAE TRIP

Ko Tongariro te maunga
Ko Rotoaira te moana
Ko Otukou te marae
Ko Ngati Hikairo te hapu
Ko Ngati Tuwharetoa te iwi
Ko Te Arawa te waka
Ko Te Wharerangi te tangata

Next Wednesday, the 31st of July the whole school will be travelling to Otukou marae (approximately 30 minutes from Ōwhango), on the flanks of Tongariro.

We will be having a formal powhiri hosted by the haukainga (the local people) and we will be taught about the marae and the significance of the area.

We also hope to travel a further 15 minutes down the road to Opotaka Pa. However, because this pa is exposed to the elements, this part of the trip will be weather dependant and the decision will be made on the day. We will be back at school by 3pm.

Whānau are welcome to accompany us on this trip. Ōwhango Adventures have once again very generously agreed to provide transport and teachers will also be taking vehicles, so we have plenty of transport.

But please let us know asap if you are wanting to attend. If you are providing transport we would like you to experience the marae trip with us (please do not drop kids off and come back to pick up afterwards), therefore only provide transport if you are interested in attending.

Morning tea will be provided at the marae, so we need definite numbers asap. **Please bring the permission slip back to school by tomorrow, Thursday 25th July.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith.



We love our fires in winter



The Tōtara class matariki display in the corridor

'P' PASSENGER LICENCE

Is there anyone in our community with a P licence? We are looking at options around using the Ōwhango Adventures vehicles and require people with a P (passenger) endorsement on their licence. Please contact Ewan Starkey if you can help us with this.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

We are currently training for the cross-country race. The children should bring their trainers to run in for these practises, otherwise they will have to do it in bare feet; we do not allow gumboots or crocs for this.

SPORTS UNIFORM RETURN

Can all sports uniforms, including netball uniforms, please be returned, washed, this week? Thank you.



Rimu class art by Chanae, Gin, Darcy and Piata

**Y7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE-
TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS**

Friday 26th July Miriama Community Hub (lower lounge of Cossie Club). We will be leaving school at 9:20am returning approximately 2:00pm. Students not attending are expected to come to school on Friday.

Driver	Students
Jessie Smith	Piata, Hazel, Gin, Freida and Chanae (Hazel and Gin to be collected at 9:25)
Diane Paynter (there)	Oliver, Lucas, Darcy and Jamie
Trudie Wheeler (return)	Oliver, Lucas, Darcy and Jamie
Meeting us there (9:50am) and collected afterwards (approx. 2:00pm)	Tilia, Delaize and Hopaea

HIGH SCHOOL SHOW

On Thursday 1st August we will be going to the high school to be the audience in their show “A Fairy Tale”. As numbers are strictly limited, we cannot invite parents or any extras, sorry. We will be travelling by bus to this. We do need a permission slip to attend as it is our policy for anything further afield than the village is given parent permission, so please fill in the attached form today.



Brodie and Meah play chess before school

ELECTRONICS DAY

On Friday 2nd August we are having an electronics afternoon. This is where the children may bring their battery powered toys to school (usually this

is not allowed), and we will provide a time for them to play and share them. Please note that this does not include screens, so no phones or tablets. This is optional, you do not need to bring anything along. There will be a safe place for them to be stored whilst not being used, however, as with everything brought to school, it is at the owner’s risk.

TOUGH KIDZ MUD RUN

The Tough Kidz Mud Run takes place at the Tuhua Domain in Taumarunui on Friday the 9th of August. The event is for students in years 1-8 (but the team races are years 3-8 only).

This event is optional, if your child/children want to participate they must return the attached permission slip by this Friday (26th) so that we can register individuals and teams in good time and arrange transport. We will need whānau volunteers to help with transport, marshalling and helping students on the day. Participants will need; water, a substantial lunch, towel, change of clothing and shoes, warm jacket/coat/beanie for afterwards. Students who do not wish to participate must attend school as normal.



A cold, foggy morning doesn’t stop the skaters

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

It's great to see so many keen soccer players who have signed up this term. The round robin competition begins in Week 2 on a Friday afternoon. Information will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Please remember to pay \$10/player subs to the office. We are very

grateful to Todd Nicholson who has offered to run lunch time coaching sessions with the kids again this year.

YEAR 5-8 TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The Year 5-8 Junior Basketball Competition begins in Week 2 with Year 7/8 playing on a Monday and Year 5/6 on a Tuesday. The draw and game times will be shared with you as soon as the information becomes available. Please remember to pay \$15/player subs to the office. Again, we are very grateful to Jahbon Te Ahuru and Lakenn Te Ahuru who have offered to coach our two teams.

This week's draw:

Y 7&8 29/5 4:00 PM Owhango vs Turaki Chiefs

Y 5&6 30/5 Owhango vs bye (no game)

Community Notices

You are all welcome to the Orris Community

Mid-Winter Dinner Saturday 27th July 5:30-8pm

Meals served at 6pm. Bring a plate to share and your own drinks

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Owhango School: Uniform / stationery / sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2024 REMAINING TERM DATES

Term Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Day- 25th November

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR:

Duffy Books in Schools: W & C O'Donnell, Doyle Valuations, Owhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership, Tania and Mark Bramley.

Firewood- The Petersen's

Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme

Hellers- Free sausages

Blue Hill Café – Netball sponsorship

Owhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

PTA Fundraiser- New World, Silver Fern Farms, North Fuels, Balle Brothers

Silver Fern Farms- Free schnitzel

Veolia- Free truck and trailer use

VetEnt- Sponsorship through their drench sale



OTUKOU MARAE AND OPOTAKA WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP

Wednesday 31st July 2024 Departing School at 9:00am

Otukou Marae, Otukou Road off State Highway 47,

This is a compulsory whole-school trip

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Otukou marae and Opotaka trip.

TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP- THE HIGH SCHOOL SHOW: "A FAIRY TALE"

Thursday 1st August

Departing school 1pm, return by 3pm; show starts at 1:30pm

This is a compulsory whole-school trip

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the High School Show.

TRANSPORT We are travelling by bus

Signed _____

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YEAR 1-8 TOUGH KIDZ MUD RUN PERMISSION SLIP

Friday 9th August, Tuhua Domain 9:30am start, Departing School at 8:50am

This is an optional activity, not compulsory

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Tough Kidz Mud Run at Tuhua Domain.

My child / ren (year 3-8 only) _____ is interested in participating in the team event, as well as the individual race.

ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and support all day

TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

Do you live outside Ōwhango and will be **meeting us at the venue** in Taumarunui because it is closer to travel there rather than help bring children to this event? **YES / NO**

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
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If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____
